

REMARKS

Upon entering the above amendments to the claims, claims 1-40 will be pending in this application and are presented for examination. Claim 38 has been amended.

The amendments to claim 38 have been made to correct minor typographical errors and to claim the instant invention with greater particularity. The term "phosphate-cleavable taxol conjugate" has been added to the listing of claim 38 as it properly describes the conjugate used and depicted in Figure 1. This amendment finds support in the specification at page 17, lines 4-13 where "modified taxanes" are described, as well as in Example 2 on page 35, lines 7-10, where a specific phosphate-cleavable taxol conjugate is described.

Applicant believes no new matter is present in this or any other portion of the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for examination. Substantive examination at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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